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In re Patent Application of:  
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For: POWDERS, FLAKES, OR PELLETS  
CONTAINING SALTS OF  $\alpha$ -SULFO FATTY  
ACID ALKYL ESTERS IN HIGH  
CONCENTRATIONS, PROCESS FOR  
PRODUCTION THEREOF, GRANULATED  
DETERGENTS, AND PROCESS FOR  
PRODUCTION THEREOF

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Examiner: J. L. Stanley

**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116**

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**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action dated February 6, 2009, finally rejecting claims 1-3, 11, 16 and 18, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 6 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8 of this paper.